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1. FOLLOWING IS A LETTER RECEIVED BY BAKER/FODAG FROM DUTIA OF FAO SECRETARIAT DATED MARCH 6. BEGIN TEXT:

AS YOU ARE PROBABLY AWARE, AT ITS FORTHCOMING THIRD SESSION, THE COMMITTEE ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY (ROME, 24-28 APRIL 1978) WILL REVIEW THE SPECIAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AND IN PARTICULAR THE PROGRESS AND FUTURE EVOLUTION OF THE FOOD SECURITY ASSISTANCE SCHEME. I WOULD LIKE TO INFORM YOU THAT, FOLLOWING THE GENERAL DEBATE IN THE SESSION, THDBSECRETARIAT WILL PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A SEPARATE INFORMATION EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AMONG DONORS TO CONSIDERAYS OF IMPROVING THE EFFEC-TIVENESS OF INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE FOR FOOD SECURITY, BOTH MULTILATERAL AND BILATERAL, WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO NATIONAL RESERVES AND RELATED MEASURES. IT IS HOPED TO IMPGTVE THE USEFUL-NESS OF FSAS TO ALL DONORS, INCLUDING NOT ONLY TRUST FUND DONORS, BUT ALSO COUNTRIES WHICH CHANNEL SUCH AID THROUGH BILATERAL PROGRAMS. THE INFORMAL DONORS MEETING MAY ALSO BE ABLE TO FOLLOW
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UP ON RELEVANT POINTS ARISING IN THE COMMITTEE'S DEBATE.

THIS INFORMAL MEETING, IN WHICH WE HOPE YOUR GOVERNMENT AS WELL A OTHER INTERESTED COUNTRIES AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS WILL PARTICIPATE, WILL TAKE PLACE ON FRIDAY MORNING, 28 APRIL. THE PROPOSED AGENDA IS ATTACHED. END TEXT

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2. AGENDA OF INFORMAL DONORS MEETING ON FOOD SECURITY BEGIN
TEXT:

1. PURPOSE OF MEETING: TO HAVE AN INFORMAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS
ON WAYS OF IMPROVING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF INTERNATIONAL ASSI-
STANCE FOR FOOD SECURITY, BOTH MULTILATERAL AND BILATERAL,
WITH SPECAL REFERENCE TO NATIONAL RESERVES AND THE POSSIBLE
ROLE OF FSAS.

2. CURRENT ARRANGEMENTS FOR HANDLING TRUST FUND CONTRIBUTIONS
AND FOR COOPEAATION WITH BILATERAL DONORS.

3. POSSIBLE ROLE OF FSAS AS CLEARING HOUSE FOR EXCHANGE INFORMATION
ON FOOD SECURITY PROJECTS OR PROJECT PROPOSALS, ALLOCATIONS
OF RESOURCES, PLANS FOR MISSIONS, ETC., PLUS SUGGESTIONS FOR WAYS
OF IMPROVING USEFULNESS OF THE FASS INFORMATION NOTE.

4. POSSIBLE ARRANGEMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION OF DONORS IN FSAS
PROJECT PREPARATION MISSIONS, OR FAO PARTICIPATION IN DONOR
MISSIONS. CONCEPT OF NATIONAL FOOD SECURITY "PROGRAMS",
CONSISTING OF A NUMBER OF PROJECTS AND RELATED ACTIVITIES,
EXPEREIENCE OF FSAS AND INTEREST OF DONORS IN SUPPORTING
THE PREPARATION OF SUCH PROGRAMS.

5. FSAS EXPERIENCE OF USING FOOD AID COUNTERPART FUNDS FOR
FOOD SECURITY PROJECTS, AND FEASIBILITY OF EXTENDING THIS PRACTICE.
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6. ANY OTHER SUGGESTIONS ON WAYS OF IMPROVING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF
INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE FOR FOOD SECURITY. END.GARDNER

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